

## UTILITY EXTENSION AGREEMENT FOR WATER, SEWER, AND STORMWATER SERVICES

**THIS CONTRACT**, made and entered into as of the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by and between **DONALD AIKEN, INDIVIDUAL** (hereinafter the "Developer") and the **CITY OF DURHAM**, a North Carolina municipal corporation (hereinafter the "City");

**WHEREAS**, the Developer proposes to extend City water service to serve **1726 HAMLIN ROAD**, a 2-acre single-family lot with an existing residence, located near the intersection of Hamlin Road and Industrial Drive, further described as PIN 0843-01-39-0324.

**WHEREAS**, the Developer requires a water service that will connect to the City's water system in order to serve the above described development or such other development as may be approved by the Durham City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property is outside the City limits and has a verified water supply of unsatisfactory quality;

**WHEREAS**, any extension of the water distribution system to serve properties with verified water supply of unsatisfactory quality outside City limits shall be made only after approval of such extension by the City Council;

**WHEREAS**, under City ordinance, Developer is required to pay all costs associated with the extension agreement, in particular the water, street infrastructure for streets that contain such systems, and other related costs; and

**WHEREAS**, construction of authorized extensions to approved properties with an existing verified water supply of unsatisfactory quality shall be in accordance with all applicable policies, standards and specifications of the City.

**WHEREAS**, at its meeting held \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, the City Council authorized this Contract in accordance with the terms set forth below;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of ten dollars and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Developer and the City, and their heirs, successors, and assigns agree:

1. **Included Appendices.** Appendix B (Project Specific Provisions) are a part of this Contract.
2. **Effective Date.** The obligations of this Contract shall become effective upon approval by City Council.
3. **Definitions and Rules of Interpretation.** In this Contract, the following terms, whether capitalized or not, shall have the meanings set forth below, unless it is clear in the Contract that the context requires otherwise. In addition, the rules of interpretation set forth below shall apply.

"City" means the City of Durham.

"City Requirements" mean all ordinances, policies, standards, and specifications prescribed by the City applicable to the development activity, work, or construction undertaken pursuant to this Contract. Such Requirements may include, but are not limited to, the Unified Development Ordinance, the City Code, and standards for processing of and construction of infrastructure many of which are contained in the City's Reference Guide for Development maintained by the City Department of Public Works.

"Developer" is the owner of the Property, and is the entity identified in the first paragraph of this Contract. "Developer" includes successors in interest and assigns.

"Improvements" means all infrastructure required by the City that allows the work identified in Appendix B to be delivered to or from the Property and integrated into the City's utility system, and all infrastructure, which may include natural features, that allows stormwater from the Property to be managed in accordance with City Requirements. It includes, but is not limited to, lines, mains, outfalls, water and sewer connections to the street mains including meter box and meter yoke, water meters to the extent required under City Requirements, all construction and repair to streets and rights of way within which water, sewer, or stormwater infrastructure is located, pump stations, water towers, water booster stations, and all natural and constructed stormwater infrastructure that carries or treats stormwater, or mitigates the impact of stormwater. It may include, if allowed under City Requirements, natural features and improvements located on individual lots to the extent they are part of the planned stormwater system or contribute to meeting water quality requirements.

"Person" includes natural persons, firms, companies, associations, partnerships, trusts, corporations, governmental agencies and units, and other legal entities.

"Project" means the installation of the Improvements on the Property.

"Property" means the land located at PIN 0843-01-39-0324.

"Water and/or sewer" refer to the particular utilities being installed by Developer, which may include water only or sewer only, or both, as generally described in Appendix B and as ultimately determined through City review of site plans and construction drawings.

The following rules of interpretation apply: (1) The singular includes the plural, and the plural the singular; (2) The word "shall" is mandatory.

4. **Developer's Obligation.** The Developer shall bear the total cost and expense of all the obligations and duties created by this Contract unless otherwise explicitly stated in this Contract. Those obligations and duties are, generally, to create all Improvements as may be required by the City in accordance with this Contract and with City Requirements. The Developer's obligations

also include all costs, including but not limited to legal costs, of acquiring all fees or easements within which the Improvements will be located.

5. **Improvements.** A general description of the Improvements to be constructed to serve the Project is set forth in Appendix B. The final determination of the number, scope, size, materials, and location of required Improvements shall be as determined in the discretion of the City with jurisdiction over the utility service provided and shall be made in connection with site plan and construction drawing approval. Developer shall be responsible for any repairs to streets adjacent to the project from any construction that takes place.

6. **City Requirements.** Design, construction, materials, sizing, other specifications, permitting, inspections, testing, documentation and furnishing of as-built drawings, and acceptance of completed infrastructure shall be in accordance with City Requirements. Design and construction shall be by professionals licensed in the state of North Carolina to do the relevant work. City approval of the design of the Improvements shall be required prior to construction, as set forth in City Requirements. If Developer is connecting to the County sewer system, the City may require Developer to furnish the contract providing for such connection.

7. **Contracts.** Developer shall ensure that its contracts for design and construction of the Improvements do not shorten or limit any otherwise applicable warranties or statutes of limitation. In addition, Developer shall ensure that such contracts contain an assignment clause that allows assignment of any warranties regarding the constructed Improvements to the City. For certain Improvements, the City may require that Developer's contracts identify the City as a 3<sup>rd</sup> party beneficiary, or may require prior consultation regarding contractors for the project. If such requirements are applicable to this Project, it shall be shown in Appendix B, or the City will notify Developer in a timely manner of such requirements prior to the Developer's contracting for Improvements.

8. **Compliance; Permits.** All activity undertaken pursuant to this Contract shall be in compliance with federal and state law and regulations and City Requirements. Developer shall obtain all permits and approvals required to do the work authorized under this Contract.

9. **Conflicts.** In the event of conflict between this Contract and any law, state or federal regulation, or City Requirements, the stricter of the applicable provisions shall control.

10. **Testing.** Developer shall pay for any testing deemed necessary to determine that the Improvements, and their environmental impact, comply with federal or state law and regulations, or City Requirements.

11. **Warranty/Repair.** Developer warrants that the Improvements shall be constructed in accordance with City Requirements and other applicable professional standards, fit for the purpose for which they were constructed, and free from defects for a one year period which shall run from the time of acceptance by the City. Developer shall be responsible for repairs needed during the one year period. Upon request by the City, Developer will assign any warranty rights it has under its contracts to the City.

12. **No obligations.** This Contract does not create any express or implied obligation that the City: i) reserve or create water or wastewater treatment capacity; ii) approve a permit or connection, which shall be granted only upon compliance with all requirements of law, including City Requirements; iii) offer utility services to any user within the Project; iv) provide a particular quantity, quality, or pressure for the water serving the Project; v) waive or not charge fees that are otherwise applicable pursuant to City Requirements; or vi) approve annexation of the Property or a particular zoning of the Property.

13. **No vesting.** Developer agrees that no vested rights exist that would impact the City's consideration of its proposed development, and that no vested rights shall be claimed for the proposed development until and unless annexation and zoning are approved, if they are approved, and such further development approvals are given as would, under the law, create a claim regarding vested rights.

14. **Contract a Covenant that Runs with Land.** The obligations and entitlements of this Contract are covenants that run with the Property, and are binding on all heirs, assigns, successors in interest, and other subsequent owners. Within 30 days of Contract execution, Developer shall record this Contract, and shall furnish the City a copy of the recorded document and a statement from an attorney licensed to practice law in North Carolina, in form and substance acceptable to the City, that the Contract has been recorded, and that the obligations of the Contract are binding upon all subsequent owners of the Property. No development approvals shall be issued by the City in the absence of recordation and certification as described above.

15. **Notice.**

(a) *Mode and Designated Recipients.* All notices and other communications given under this Contract shall be written, and made by personal delivery, fax, Federal Express, or United States mail, addressed as follows. The parties are also requested to send a copy by email.

To the City:

Public Works Director  
Department of Public Works  
City of Durham  
101 City Hall Plaza  
Durham, NC 27701-3329  
Fax: (919) 560-4316  
Email: Marvin.Williams@durhamnc.gov

To the Developer:

Mr. Donald Aiken  
2019 Meadow Road  
Durham, NC 27705  
Phone: 919-383-1332  
Email: donaaiken@gmail.com

(b) *Change of Address.* Notice of a change of address, fax number, or person to receive notice shall be provided to the other party in writing through one of the means described above.

(c) *Time of Receipt.* A notice or other communication is effective upon delivery to the other party if it is personally delivered or sent by fax. Notice sent by mail or Federal Express is effective upon the second work day after the date it was sent, as evidenced by a postmark or similar indicia, or upon actual delivery.

16. **No Third Party Rights.** This Contract is intended for the benefit of the City and Developer and not for any other Person, and no such Persons shall enjoy any right, benefit, or entitlement under this Contract.

17. **Nondiscrimination Policy; EEO.** The City of Durham opposes discrimination on the basis of race and sex and urges Developer to provide a fair opportunity for minorities and women to participate in its work force and to contract with Developer. During the performance of this Contract Developer agrees that it shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation or belief, age, or handicap.

18. **Governmental Authority Retained.** Nothing contained in this Contract shall be deemed or construed to in any way stop, limit, or impair the City from exercising or performing any regulatory, policing, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions, or shall limit the City's discretion in the exercise of such powers and functions.

19. **Remedies; Breach.** The parties shall have all remedies allowed by law to enforce this Contract. Substantial breach of this Contract shall result in the Contract becoming void, at the election of the nonbreaching party. Prior to voiding the Contract, the party alleging a substantial breach shall give notice to the other party and shall afford an opportunity to cure of at least 60 days. In addition, in the event of breach by Developer, the City may withhold any permit or approval related to development, construction, or occupancy in the Project. Enumeration of these remedies is not exclusive.

20. **Services Dependent on Improvements.** The City's furnishing of water and/or sewer service to "the Property" described in this Contract is dependent upon completion of the Improvements. In the event Developer does not complete the Improvements, Developer and its successors in interest shall have no entitlement to receive water and/or sewer service. Entitlement to water and/or sewer service is dependent upon: annexation (if required); completion of and conformance with this Contract; construction of the Improvements by Developer or its successors in interest; water and/or sewer capacity at the time of completion; and compliance with all other lawful requirements.

21. **Termination.** Developer's failure to initiate substantial construction activity within five years of execution of this Contract, and continue said construction expeditiously toward completion, with adequate forces, and in good faith may result in termination of this Contract, at the election of the City. The City's Public Works Director shall determine if such failure exists,

and shall notify Developer in writing. Developer shall have at least 90 days to initiate or increase construction activity. Final notice of termination shall be given by the City Manager or a Deputy City Manager.

22. **Waiver.** No action or failure to act by the City shall constitute a waiver of any of its rights or remedies that arise out of this Contract, or constitute approval of or acquiescence in a breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.

23. **Contract not Severable.** In the event any substantive provision of this Contract is declared unenforceable the Contract shall become void. This paragraph, however, does not prohibit the parties from agreeing to eliminate or modify the unenforceable provision or enter into a new agreement.

24. **Modifications.** Substantial modifications of the Contract shall be approved by the City Council. Minor modifications, modifications of Appendix B regarding Improvements, and substitution of an assignee owner of a substantial portion of the Property for the original Developer may be approved by the City Manager or deputy or assistant City Manager without Council approval. Without exclusion as to other minor modifications, a modification to the Project which both reduces the overall density of and utility demand within the Project or which would not be considered to be a significant deviation under the standards set forth in Section 3.5 of the Unified Development Ordinance is a "minor modification" under this Paragraph. A modification of this Contract is not valid unless it is signed by both parties and is otherwise in accordance with requirements of law. Further, a modification is not enforceable against the City unless it is signed by the City Manager or a deputy or assistant City Manager.

25. **Recordation of Status of Agreement.** The City shall cooperate with the Developer in executing any form to be filed by the Developer in the event that the Contract is voided, terminated or superseded, or its requirements are fully satisfied.

26. **Entire Agreement.** This Contract contains the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter of this Contract. With respect to that subject matter, there are no promises, agreements, conditions, inducements, warranties, or understandings, written or oral, expressed or implied, between the parties, other than as set forth or referenced in this Contract.

27. **Choice of Law and Forum; Process Agent.** This contract shall be deemed made in Durham County, North Carolina. This contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of North Carolina. The exclusive forum and venue for all actions arising out of this contract shall be the North Carolina General Court of Justice, in Durham County. Such actions shall neither be commenced in nor removed to federal court. This limitation, however, shall not apply to subsequent actions to enforce a judgment entered in actions heard pursuant to this subsection. Developer shall maintain a registered agent in North Carolina with the office of the N. C. Secretary of State.

28. **Indemnification.**

*a. Definitions.* In this Section 16 the following definitions shall apply:

"Claims" are claims, losses, damages, liabilities, fines, penalties, fees, royalties, costs, demands, actions, suits, and judgments of any kind or nature whatsoever, whether at law or in equity, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees assessed as part of any of said items.

"Persons Connected with Developer" are Developer's officers, members, managers, board members, employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors of all tiers, and invitees, but excluding the City.

"City Indemnitees" are the City, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and independent contractors, but excluding Company.

*b. Obligation.* Developer shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City Indemnitees from and against all Claims arising out of, relating to, or resulting from acts or omissions by Developer or Persons Connected with Developer arising out of, relating to, or resulting from Developer's obligations with respect to this Contract. Without limiting the preceding sentence, and as an additional obligation, it is agreed that Developer shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City Indemnitees from and against all Claims made by its contractors, including subcontractors of all tiers, where the contractor was engaged by Developer to perform work pursuant to this Contract, except to the extent the Claim is the result of a negligent or wrongful act or omission by any of the City Indemnitees. In performing its duties under this Section, Developer shall defend City Indemnitees with legal counsel reasonably acceptable to City.

*c. Survival.* This Section shall remain in force despite termination of this Contract with respect to acts or omissions occurring before termination of this Contract (whether by expiration of the term or otherwise).

29. **E-Verify Compliance.** The contractor represents and covenants that the contractor and its subcontractors comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS). The City is relying on this E-Verify Compliance section in entering into this contract. The parties agree to this section only to the extent authorized by law. If this section is held to be unenforceable or invalid in whole or in part, it shall be deemed amended to the extent necessary to make this contract comply with NCGS 160A-20.1(b).

IN **TESTIMONY** WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract as of the dates shown below.

## **APPENDIX B -PROJECT SPECIFIC PROVISIONS**

1. Water service will be provided to the property by connecting to the existing 12-inch waterline in Hamlin Road with a water service. The Developer shall obtain all required permits from the City.
2. The Developer shall pay frontage charges at the prevailing rate to the City for any street frontages within or adjacent to the Project where the Developer does not install a City water or sewer line. These frontage charges shall be paid to the City prior to the time that the Project water or sewer lines are constructed (Section 70-17 of the City of Durham Code of Ordinances).
3. The Developer shall obtain an encroachment agreement with NCDOT to be able to connect to City utilities within the NCDOT rights-of-way.
4. The Developer hereby agrees to transfer all credits established by the State of North Carolina pursuant to any regulations, future or past, to the City of Durham or to Durham County, if so designated by the the City of Durham or a state regulatory agency. Credits shall include, but are not limited to, any credits (treatment or otherwise) established for nitrogen or phosphorous associated with Falls Lake, Jordan Lake, or Neuse River rules.

**DONALD AIKEN**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Individual**

**State of** \_\_\_\_\_  
**County of** \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a notary public in and for the aforesaid State and County,  
certify that \_\_\_\_\_ personally appeared before me this day  
and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing contract with the City of Durham. This the  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

**ATTEST**

**CITY OF DURHAM**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

preaudit certificate, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_